

REMARKS

Claims 1–14 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 3 and 6 were amended herein.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.83(a), 1.84(p)(5) (Objection to the Drawings)

The drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as failing to show every feature of the claimed invention, and under 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5) as including reference characters not mentioned in the specification. These objections are respectfully traversed.

The present application was filed with incorrect drawings for Figures 1 and 2. Replacement drawings from USSN 09/839,727 (Attorney Docket No. WEST14-00029), incorporated by reference in the present application, are being submitted herewith.

Therefore the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.83(a) and 1.84(p)(5) have been overcome.

Objection to the Claims

Claim 6 was amended to correct the error identified in the Office Action. Claim 1 was amended to eliminate the source of potential confusion regarding claim 8 identified in the Office Action.

35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph (Definiteness)

Claims 3–4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 has been amended to correct the error identified in the Office Action.

Therefore, the rejection of claims 3–4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome.

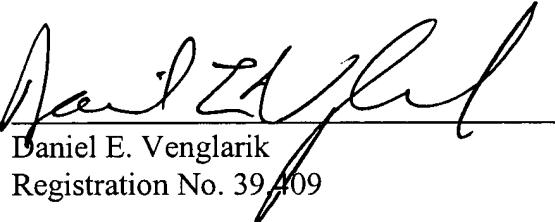
If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at dvenglarik@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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